

Monday, November 21, 2016 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Bouquet Canyon Road reopened

Bouquet Canyon Road was reopened to through traffic on Monday, November 21, following inspection of the roadway and placement of new advisory signage.

Several years of sediment and vegetation have built up with a section of Bouquet Canyon Creek that compromises the normal flow path of water through the canyon. Even minor storm flows could lead to potentially unsafe driving conditions for motorists. As a precaution, a 3.4-mile section of the road was closed October 27 with the intention to remain closed for the duration of storm season.

To keep Bouquet Canyon Road open in the absence of significant storm events, a Storm Season Operations Plan was developed that includes closure of the road in advance of predicted significant rainfall. In the event of storm closures, the road would be re-opened after the storm has passed, inspection has been made and the roadway determined to be in an adequate condition. Planned closures will be posted on the Public Works <u>road closures</u> website, through the County's <u>eNotify</u> system and alerts to first responders and local media, among others.

During planned closures, law enforcement, fire, Forest Service and utility crews all have access to the closure area for official business; emergency response will remain unaffected.